

1 25. **ISSUE: POSSE BASEBALL TEAM; HENDERSHOTT'S FAMILY, HIS**  
2 **FRIENDS, AND THEIR TRIP TO ALASKA – SUBJECT: HENDERSHOTT**  
3 **(Munnell Memo p. 47)**  
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5 **Chief Deputy David Hendershott**

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7 H20A. Allegedly, circa 1995-96, Chief Deputy David Hendershott, along with family  
8 members and friends, personally benefitted from donations from the MCSO  
9 Posse to a youth baseball team, which included members of Hendershott's  
10 family, enabling a weeklong trip to Alaska. These funds included \$18,000 from  
11 the Sheriff's Posse Foundation and a \$7,000 loan from the Jeep Posse, which  
12 was not repaid.  
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14 **MUNNELL'S WRITTEN ACCOUNT**

15 **Posse Baseball Team; Hendershott's family, his friends, and their trip to Alaska**

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17 Another serious abuse of the posse program to personally benefit Hendershott was the Posse  
18 Baseball team. This team consisted of both of Hendershott's sons and their friends. This team  
19 was posse by name only, and a great deal of Office and volunteer resources were expended to  
20 benefit this group. In addition to using Sheriff's distribution trucks and supplies to support a  
21 tournament in California, the entire Enforcement Support Division was ordered by Hendershott to  
22 raise money for the team's travel to a tournament in Alaska.  
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25 Hendershott informed my staff and me that the Posse Baseball Team would be attending a  
26 tournament in Alaska and we were to coordinate a golf tournament to raise approximately fifteen  
27 thousand dollars (\$15,000) to pay for their trip. Hendershott's ridiculous plan was a "Gorilla  
28 Golf" tournament to be held in the middle of summer. We were told to find a golf club to donate  
29 the use of their course and recruit sponsors to for the tournament. After Hendershott left, we were  
30 all shaking our heads, and as we expected, we could not find a course for free or any sponsors for  
31 the golf tournament resulting.  
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33 As a solution, and an act of last resort, I approached the Sheriff's Posse Foundation and asked if  
34 they would allow the posse to sell pink underwear and donate sixty-percent of the proceeds to the  
35 baseball club. The board agreed, even though they would not make any profit on the underwear  
36 sold, and overtime, I ensured that nearly eighteen thousand dollars (\$18,000) were raised for the  
37 baseball club. Of course, the players who benefitted from this donation did virtually none of the  
38 sales. The members of the club did travel to Alaska for an entire week, along with Hendershott, his  
39 wife, two sons, and possibly their daughter.  
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41 The Posse Baseball club also received several thousands of dollars from the Jeep Posse for their  
42 operations and later borrowed approximately seven-thousand (\$7,000.00) from the Sheriff's Posse  
43 Foundation that was never repaid. This lack of repayment became an issue in your 2000 re-  
44 election campaign and Hendershott later instructed me to contact the State Mine Inspector Doug  
45 Martin, who was a member of the Sheriff's Posse Foundation Board, and obtain a letter from him  
46 stating that the loan was forgiven and did not need to be repaid.  
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48 **WITNESSES LISTED BY MUNNELL**

49 Deputy Chief Frank Munnell Commander of Enforcement Support/Posse Foundation.  
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Executive Chief Brian Sands                      Supervisor of Enforcement Support

**NARRATIVE SUMMARY**

Hendershott was a member of the Posse Baseball Team, which was comprised of Hendershott's sons and friends. Hendershott had Munnell's staff raise money for the team to travel to a tournament in Alaska. Munnell got the Sheriff's Posse Foundation to raise \$18,000 from the sale of pink underwear, which funded the weeklong trip for the baseball team, Hendershott, his wife, two sons and possibly his daughter. The Posse Baseball Club also received a \$7,000 loan from the Jeep Posse for their operations and it was never repaid. When the repayment became an issue in the 2000 re-election campaign, Hendershott had Doug Martin, the State Mine Inspector who was also a member of the Board for the Sheriff's Posse Foundation, author a letter forgiving repayment of the loan.

**WITNESS ACCOUNTS**

**Frank Munnell**

Munnell's account of these events was as follows.

A: Yeah, that one, it's exactly as I wrote it. You know, Hendershott summoned us, the whole division, you know, at the time I was, I think I was still, I was either a Lieutenant, Sergeant, I think I was still a Sergeant and he summoned us in there and said we're going to do this gorilla golf thing, the Posse baseball club needs this \$15,000 for this tournament in Alaska, and it's going to be on in July or June and everything I wrote about. Long story short, could make that work. So I finally went to the Posse Foundation, 'cause I kinda was a liaison, I go hey, you know what, 'cause they're still selling this pink underwear pretty good. I go, how about if it costs \$4 for a cost per pair, we sell them for \$10. How about, we sell every pair we sell, we give you your \$4, so you break even, but this extra \$6 will go to this Posse baseball club, can you do that? They go, okay fine. So I raised \$18,000, 'cause it went from 15 to 18, so I got Hendershott \$18,000, and that was on top of the other monies that they got from the Jeep Posse, which was several thousand dollars, they got money from the Posse Foundation, another \$7,000 from them, so you're looking at, probably \$25,000, \$30,000 that they got and I know that California trip, we had used our distribution trucks and resources to take mattresses and food and stuff out to these kids out in California for some tournament. And I knew Hendershott's kids were on this team. I mean there wasn't a whole lot of members of this team and two of them were the Hendershott sons, and I know that the whole family went to Alaska. I can't say if they, I can't even speculate whether Hendershott paid for their travel with that money, I don't know. (p. 82, Exhibit II 28b)

1 According to Munnell, this would have occurred in approximately 1995 or 1996. This  
2 team was created by Dave Hendershott, but sponsored by the Posse. A total of  
3 approximately \$25,000 was raised, and \$7,000 of that came from the Jeep Posse, on a  
4 loan, which was never paid back. Ultimately, with the Robertson election approaching,  
5 Munnell got a letter from Doug Martin from the Jeep Posse, basically forgiving the debt.  
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7 **Roy Reyer**

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9 Chief Hendershott approached Reyer and told him that his son was on a Little League  
10 Team and asked Reyer if he would ask the Youth Assistance Foundation to sponsor the  
11 team to travel to a big tournament in Alaska. Reyer thought to himself, "Your goddamn  
12 kids on it!" Reyer's initial thoughts were that YAF was developed to help needy kids  
13 and bridge the gaps in the community, not sponsor Little League Teams. Reyer  
14 presented the suggestion to the YAF Board and one of the Board Members, Frank  
15 Kush, commented, "This is stupid," or words to that effect. Reyer had not mentioned to  
16 the Board that Hendershott's kid was on the team, but Kush saw right through the  
17 request of YAF sponsoring the trip and was very opposed to the idea.  
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19 **David Hendershott**

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21 Hendershott indicated that personnel in Community Services "wanted to sponsor a  
22 baseball team." All the participants were from the MCSO Explorers Program.  
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24 Ultimately, the baseball team went to Alaska, and Hendershott and his wife went as  
25 sponsors. Hendershott claimed that he paid for his children to go, and a posse group  
26 paid for about 25 children as well as about 9 adults that went along with the baseball  
27 team. According to Hendershott, anyone that wasn't a chaperone or a coach with the  
28 team had to pay their own way.  
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30 According to Hendershott, the travel expenses associated for the team members were  
31 paid by the posse, but the kids had to go out, Hendershott advises, and sell pink  
32 underwear. He believes that the team had to raise some of their own funds, and the  
33 posse basically covered the rest.  
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35 The team members were in middle school, seventh to eighth grade. There were a total  
36 of 25 children who went on the trip, and all the children had to be fed. He thought that  
37 there were 16 players on the team. According to Hendershott, his son, Jeffrey, played  
38 on the team, but not his son David, Jr. Hendershott claimed that the team played in a  
39 league, and it was "extremely competitive." It was not necessarily for disadvantaged  
40 children, but to basically represent Maricopa County, the Sheriff, and Arizona. As  
41 Hendershott put it, "it was all about winning." (p. 19, Exhibit II16e)  
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43 Hendershott advises that the MCSO Posse Foundation sponsored the team, which  
44 included buying the uniforms and paying the entry fee. When the team "came up short"  
45 for the trip to Alaska, the posse lent the team the rest of the money to go. Hendershott

1 indicated that his airfare, meals, and lodging, as well as the same for his wife, were paid  
2 for through Posse Foundation funds, because they were chaperones, and travel  
3 expenses also paid for the coaches. There were other chaperones besides  
4 Hendershott and his wife, but he could identify them by name, other than that they were  
5 some of the mothers and fathers of other children on the team. He thought that there  
6 were a total of seven chaperones, including him and his wife.

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8 Hendershott did not dispute Munnell's allegation that \$18,000 from the Foundation  
9 contributed to payment of the expenses for the trip. Hendershott said that it was an  
10 eight day international tournament.

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12 Hendershott was also informed that, according to Frank Munnell, there was a \$7,000  
13 loan from the Jeep Posse that was not repaid. Hendershott did not recall it being from  
14 the Jeep Posse, but rather from the Posse Foundation. After the trip, according to  
15 Hendershott, Frank Munnell came to Hendershott, pointed out that the loan was  
16 outstanding, and Munnell suggested that he go to the posse and ask them to waive the  
17 outstanding \$7,000 loan. Hendershott claims that Munnell went and made a  
18 presentation to the Posse Foundation, and they agreed to waive the balance.  
19 Hendershott thought that there may have been a negative article that appeared about  
20 the team's trip to Alaska, after the team was presented with an award by the governor.

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22 Hendershott did not contest Munnell's assertion that \$18,000 had been donated by the  
23 Foundation, and that there was an additional \$7,000 loan. In fact, Hendershott  
24 commented "it could have been more." (p. 22, Exhibit II16e) Hendershott claimed that  
25 there were no other children of MCSO employees on the team besides his son, Jeff  
26 Hendershott.  
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